



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

October 28, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

After 3 whirlwind early release days, I am quite appreciative of the full day schedule we typically follow at Lincoln! So many thanks to dole out, so little space....A huge thank you to Anita Colassante and Sheryl Stein for doing a superb job organizing 5th grade babysitting and a school-wide show of appreciation for the abundant support of the many 5th grade parents who helped out. Behind the scenes, Jenny Rappole and Kerry Campbell were scurrying about with the social committee preparing a wonderful lunch so that our staff could attend to parent-teacher conferences with full stomachs. LOST AND FOUND- these items will be donated to charity this Friday unless claimed by their rightful owners. The tags read like a top shelf boutique so we know someone must be missing these terrific jackets, shirts, pants and lunch boxes. Please check the pile in the cafeteria; you'd be surprised what you find! Our best,

—Bridget Stump and Linda McDonoug

CALENDAR

November 7, Sat. Fall Clean Up Day
9-noon

November 12, Thurs. LSPA meeting

November 16-20, Mon-Fri. Book Fair

November 17&18, Tues & Wed.
Ice Cream Social

5th GRADE BABYSITING

The Babysitting Fundraiser held during the recent Parent/Teacher conferences was a great success thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that gave so generously of their time. Fifty 5th graders volunteered during the last 3 days and did a great job involving all the children in activities and keeping a close eye on them. We'd especially like to thank all the adults who allowed the whole event to run smoothly and safely: Ann Olmsted, Audrey Loria, Eileen Marks, Elena Langlois, Jackie Gebolys, Jeannette Kolodziej, Jen Trevett, Jo-Anne Sintchak, Jon Schonning, Julie Doe, Laura Bailey,

Lise Cronin, Liz Potter, Lynn Philips, Michelle Lavey, Sterling Smith, Susan McPhee. We'd also like to thank Kate Scanlon and the staff of the Lincoln School for allowing us access to the library, gym, field - Thank You for accommodating our rather large group for the benefit of the 5th grade! We will offer babysitting again in the Spring! Anita Colasante, Sheryl Stein, Bridget Stump, Ceci Cordeiro, Deb Murray and Elaine Costales; 5th Grade Babysitting Committee

—Anita Colasante

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

For the past 18 years, Lincoln School has had a warm clothing drive for the East Somerville Community School in Somerville, Mass. I would like to continue this tradition. There are about 700 students enrolled in grades k-5. Many of the students come from warmer climates and do not have adequate clothing for our Northeast winters. Starting from Oct 27th until Nov 20th there will be a table set up in the corridor on the way to the art room for clothing collection. CLEAN, winter jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, long pants, sweaters, gloves, coats, scarves, and winter boots would be greatly appreciated. The target age group is K-5. Infant, adult and "snow pants" are not needed. The spokeswomen stated there is a bigger need this year than in the past.

I want to thank Donna Toelke and the 5th graders in advance for volunteering to help sort and bag the items. Thank you for your generosity and participation.

Lynn Vozzella R.N., school nurse

LINCOLN FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday November 7th from 9am to Noon
Volunteers needed to clean up the school grounds before the winter weather is upon us. Parents and kids come all morning or for whatever time you can spare. Bring your yard tools – rakes, hedge clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels. We also have a special need for a pick up truck to make trips to the transfer station. We'll provide the coffee and snacks. Please email Andrew Shepard

andrew.shepard@hovo.com and Joe Bartlett bartlettwsj@gmail.com if you will be able to join the work crew.

UNICEF

Students from the Lincoln Elementary School will have the opportunity to carry UNICEF boxes on Halloween again this year. Last year was a very successful year, with the children and families of this school raising \$1,956.82 and children town-wide raising \$10,164.35. This was one of the largest amount collected for UNICEF by a community in New England.

Look for the traditional orange box to come home with your child the week of Halloween, along with a letter explaining this program. Although the boxes will be sent home with every child, participation in "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" is completely voluntary.

If you want further information about the work that UNICEF does around the world or about the Trick-or-Treat program, you can check their website at www.unicefusa.org or you may contact:

Celine Oort, UNICEF Committee

Tel: 781-756 0446 celineoort@yahoo.com

And don't forget, if you expect trick-or-treaters to be ringing your doorbell this Halloween, you might consider having some coins ready in addition to the usual candy.

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We are almost half way to our goal so please keep the donations coming. As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's only fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise at least \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. We hope to accomplish this year's goal with as much enthusiasm as we have in the past. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by

the Ways and Means Committee.
Thank you in advance for your support.
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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school **or** you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspace.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

COMMUNITY NEWS

3rd GRADE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The Winchester Basketball Association's in-town basketball clinic program runs each Saturday for 13 weeks from December 5th, 2009 through February 27th, 2010. This year, programs will be held on Saturday mornings, with the girls program to be held at Lincoln School and multiple boys sessions to be held at Lynch Elementary School. Sessions are once per week on Saturday for 75-90 minutes.

The purpose of the in-town clinic is for children of all abilities to have fun, learn to love basketball and improve their individual and team skills. The clinic content varies but includes fundamental skills like dribbling, shooting, footwork, defense and passing as well as 3v3 and 5v5 games. No previous basketball experience is required. This year Paul Connolly will be the girls coordinator and Mark Romagna will organize the boys program. We hope to see everyone there! We always need parents to help out, so please introduce yourself to the coordinators. Registration is \$115. There are discounts available when registering more than one player from the same family.

Registration for the 2009-10 Winchester Basketball Association programs is now open at www.winchesterbasketball.org
If there are further questions, please call Mark at 781-771-4968.

LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES GROUP

As two members of the Winchester Special Education Parents Advisory Council, (PAC) we are forming a sub-group of PAC for parents of children, all ages, who have a Language Based Learning Disability (LBLD) like dyslexia. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 in the McCall Middle School Library. If you are interested in learning more or being a part of this group, please join us on November 4th. For more information or to add your name to our e-mail list, please contact either Kim Lazarus at kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net or Amy Kraft at akpk1282@verizon.net.

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS...

Join us on Thursday, November 5, 2009, for our second group book discussion on Staying Connected to your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They're Really Saying by Michael Riera Ph.D. (Parenting expert on CBS' "The Early Show.") at the Winchester Public Library Meeting Room from 7pm – 9pm. Described as the parenting bible for the teenage years, this book of sage advice will help frustrated parents reconnect with their teenager and keep that connection even in today's hectic world. Family psychologist Mike Riera provides strategies on how to become a "consultant" rather than a "manager" in a teen's life, how to deal with a teen's uniquely exasperating sleep rhythms, and how to have real conversations with your teen. Books will be on sale at BookEnds and available at the circulation desk. It is not necessary to have read the book to participate.

CHILD SAFETY DAY

The Winchester Police Department is proud to sponsor a **Child Safety & Protection Day on Saturday, October 31st from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Winchester Police Department.**

Child safety is one of the primary concerns of parents today. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), as many as one million children are reported missing every year. Sponsored by New York Life Insurance Company, there will be a FREE Child ID program available to all families who attend. A New York Life Agent will work with you to put together a Child ID CD* that includes a digital photo and fingerprints of your child. This CD gathers important information that is of great help to police in an emergency, in one easy-to-store format. Neither New York Life, nor

the police department, will retain the information or use copies of the Child ID CD created for your family.

*To participate, each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

FRIENDS OF ART

The Winchester Friends of Art invite you to the annual Back-to-School Art Show at the Winchester Public Library, now through October 31, 2009. Student art is now exhibited throughout the library and includes an exciting variety of work done by Winchester Public School students. For more information about The Winchester Friends of Art, contact [<http://us.mc1120.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=winchesterfoa@hotmail.com>] or winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

MASKS FOR ART IN THE SCHOOLS

Beautiful, crazy, colorful, weird and wonderful artists masks created by members of the Winchester Artists' Network to benefit art programs in our schools. Show and sale of masks at the Winchester Farmers' Market Saturday October 31, 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR AT THE FARMER'S MARKET OCT 31

The environmental fair will be an educational event for everyone on energy, the environment, and outdoor recreational activities in and around Winchester. There will be over thirty exhibitors for many different products, programs, and community groups.

There will also be lots of fun activities for the whole family. Come enjoy the day, shop for produce from local farms, learn about efficient energy use, let your children play, listen to live music, and dance.

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

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